

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 11-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-15 and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 16-18 stand allowed. Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 19 and 20 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims 1, 2, 4-9, and 11-20 in light of the amendments and the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-15 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-15 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 19 and 20 to recite structure and functionality to recite that a computer performs the recited claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-15 and 19-20 are now directed to statutory subject matter in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 101.

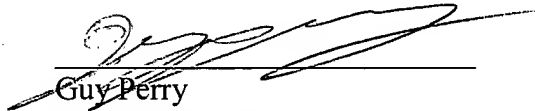
SUMMARY

In view of the forgoing supporting remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-2, 4-9, and 11-20.

If the Examiner wishes to direct any questions concerning this application to the undersigned Applicants' representative, please call the number indicated below.

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